

recovered from a still residue of said distillation, said process for recovering ditrimethylolpropane comprising:

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- i) removing high-boiling components having a higher boiling point than that of ditrimethylolpropane, by molecular distillation, from said still residue of said distillation for separating trimethylolpropane;
 - ii) after said removing high-boiling components, which leaves a remainder of said still residue, subjecting a formal compound contained in the remainder of said still residue to acid decomposition, whereby resulting products of said acid decomposition are formed; and *all formal compounds contained in the remainder*
 - iii) recovering dimethylolpropane by subjecting the resulting products of ii) to crystallization using a solvent, after said acid decomposition.

Please add the following new claim to the application:

D' 2 --33. A process according to Claim 21, wherein said molecular distillation is performed using a film evaporator.--
